

Claims

1. A cutting tool insert particularly for turning of steel comprising a cemented carbide body and a coating characterised in that said cemented carbide body consists of WC, 6-15, preferably 9-12, wt-% Co and 0.2-1.8 wt-% cubic carbides of Ti, Ta and/or Nb and a highly W-alloyed binder phase with a CW-ratio of 0.78-0.93, preferably 0.80-0.91 and in that said coating comprises

- a first (innermost) layer of $TiC_xN_yO_z$ with a thickness of $<1.5 \mu m$, and with equiaxed grains with size $<0.5 \mu m$

- a layer of $TiC_xN_yO_z$ with a thickness of 2-5 μm with columnar grains with an average diameter of $<5 \mu m$ -

- an outer layer of a smooth, fine-grained (0.5-2 μm) $K-Al_2O_3$ -layer with a thickness of 0.5-6 μm .

2. Cutting insert according to any of the preceding claims characterised in that the outermost layer is a thin 0.1-1 μm TiN-layer.

3. Cutting insert according to claim 2 characterised in that the outermost TiN-layer has been removed along the cutting edge.

4. Method of making an insert for turning comprising a cemented carbide body and a coating characterised in that a WC-Co-based cemented carbide body with a highly W-alloyed binder phase with a CW-ratio of 0.78-0.93 is coated with

- a first (innermost) layer of $TiC_xN_yO_z$ with $x+y+z=1$, preferably $z<0.5$, with a thickness of 0.1-1.5 μm , with equiaxed grains with size $<0.5 \mu m$ using known CVD-methods

- a layer of $TiC_xN_yO_z$ with $x+y+z=1$, preferably with $z=0$ and $x>0.3$ and $y>0.3$, with a thickness of 2-8 μm with columnar grains with a diameter of about $<5 \mu m$ deposited by MTCVD-technique, using acetonitrile as the carbon and

nitrogen source for forming the layer in a preferred temperature range of 850-900 °C.

- a layer of a smooth $K-Al_2O_3$ with a thickness of 0.5-6 μm and

- preferably a layer of TiN with a thickness of <1 μm .

5. Method according to the previous claim characterized in that said cemented carbide body has a cobalt content of 9-12 wt% and 0.4-1.8 wt% cubic carbides of Ta and Nb.

6. Method according to claim 4 or 5 characterized in that said cemented carbide body has a cobalt content of 10-11 wt%.

7. Method according to claim 4, 5 or 6 characterized in a CW-ratio of 0.82-0.90.

8. Method according to any of the claims 4, 5, 6 and 7 characterized in that the outermost TiN-layer, if present, is removed along the cutting edge.